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¶1. SUMMARY: According to Chad's finance and oil ministers, the Economic and Monetary Commission of Central Africa (CEMAC) is seized with the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) and, within Chad, the oil minister heads a team that is supposed to address EITI's requirements. END SUMMARY.

¶2. The Ambassador raised EITI (reftel) with Minister of Finance Abbas Mahamat Tolli June 8 and Minister of Oil Emmanuel Nadingar June 11. Tolli said that he was aware of the Initiative. Chad had, indeed, signed up to it. He said that CEMAC was seized with it and had set up an office to coordinate regional states' responses to it. Chad had set up an interministerial team to deal with it, led by the Minister of Oil. Tolli did not know how far this team's deliberations had proceeded.

¶3. Nadinar confirmed that his ministry was charged with following up on the requirements of the Initiative. He had named his Chief of Services Al-Habbi Mahamat Saleh as focal point and he intended to bring other concerned ministers together to address the Initiative formally. He said that CEMAC would be meeting in Libreville June 25-26 to discuss the Initiative in collaboration with the World Bank. He had not received the letter from Board chairman Peter Eigen.
(Note: There is no British Embassy in Ndjamena. Embassy will provide Nadingar with a translation.)

¶4. Nadingar said that Chad's petroleum law ("Law 1") and establishment of the Petroleum Resources Control and Supervision Commission ("College") demonstrated that Chad was already engaged in meeting the requirements of the Initiative.

¶5. Comment: Chad is engaged with the World Bank in implementing a plan for transparent management of oil revenues. These efforts have had mixed results. See septel and previous reporting for post's ongoing assessment of these efforts.

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